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## COMMISSION ECONOMISTS RECEIVE AGENCY AWARDS

Washington, DC -- Six Federal Communications Commission economists have received the first FCC "Excellence in Economic Analysis" awards. The honorees are Mark Bykowsky and Bill Sharkey of the Office of Plans and Policy (sharing an award for joint work), Peter Alexander of the Media Bureau, Tracy Waldon of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Marilyn Simon of the International Bureau, and Jim Lande of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

The Excellence in Economic Analysis awards are part of Chairman Michael Powell's Excellence in Economic Analysis initiative, which also includes expanding staff training opportunities and additional resources for software and other research materials. Up to five awards will be given annually and all Commission staff are eligible for nomination. The selection committee includes the Commission's Chief and Deputy Chief Economists, Bureau Chief Economists, and a staff economist.